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Thorsten DIRKS et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of September 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$420 in payment of the government fee for a two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

In response to the final Office Action dated September 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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